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Chiang's Chinese Find Many Friends

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IF NATIONALIST China ever had any doubt how many friends they had in Washington, they could rid themselves of any apprehension after yesterday.

Almost 2000 guests came to the new Ambassador and Mme. George Yeh's reception celebration marking China's 47th anniversary of independence — called the Double Ten because it falls on the 10th day of the 10th month of the year.

And the State Department had one of its largest representations to be found at any party of the year.

Mrs. Dulles in navy blue peau de soie and wearing a cafe au lait shirred velvet hat, posed for photographers with Ambassador and Mme. Yeh who wore her native tunic dress in spring green Chinese brocade.

Deputy Under Secretary of State Bob Murphy, troubleshooter for the Department, also posed for cameramen, saying he's "parking right here"—at least that's what he hopes.

Assistant Secretary of State Andrew Berding and Lincoln White, Press Officer for the State Department, were together, and Mrs. Loy Henderson, wife of the Deputy Under Secretary of State, said that her husband



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was in Europe and will visit the Iron Curtain countries. Assistant Secretary of State, Francis Wilcox, was there, and Mrs. Christian Herter, wife of the Under Secretary of State, and Loftus Becker, Legal Adviser of the State Department, were also there. Press Secretary, who almost never goes to parties, came in to get a special greeting from the Ambassador. "I always come here," Hagerty said. When he was asked how he happened to be at a party, and added, "because I like the Ambassador so much."

A Nationalist China birthday present to Quemoy Island yesterday was a new load of supplies which Lieut. Col. Schao Chang was pleased to hear about. Colonel Chang was one of the nine officer students who came up on a Marine Corps Schools bus from Quantico, Va., for the party.

"We should keep the islands," he said, "for the sake of morale." And because once the Communists get a little, he believes, they will wait awhile, and start nibbling again.

FROM Embassy Row there were the Philippine Ambassador and Mrs. Carlos Romulo, the Italian Ambassador and Signora Brosio, the Ambassador of Turkey and Mme. Urguplu, the new Greek Ambassador and Mme. Liatis, the Viet Nam Ambassador and Mme. Tran van Chuong, Mme. Yang, wife of the Korean Ambassador, the French Ambassador and Mme. Alphand, the Australian Ambassador, Howard Beale, the new Ethiopian Ambassador and Mme. Heywot, the Japanese Ambassador, Koichiro Asakai, the Saudi Arabian Am-

bassador, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Khayyal, Luis Mejia-Gonzalez, Second Secretary of the Nicaraguan Embassy, brought word that his Ambassador, Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa, dean of the diplomatic corps, who's now in India, will go to Taipeh to decorate Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek with Nicaragua's decoration, the Ruben Dario.

Ambassador and Mme. Yeh had prepared for a large number of guests... and the chance of rain.

There were at least four buffets—on the wide porch, in the dining room and the solarium and out in the garden where a huge verandah had been set up. On all the tables there was Chinese and American food—hams and turkeys, fried shrimp, hot meat and vegetable-filled pastries and spring rolls.

With Congress away it was a surprise to find Representative and Mrs. Michael Feighan and Representative Francis Walter in the throng.

Others there were Chief of Protocol and Mrs. Wiley Buchanan, Gen. and Mrs. Graves Erskine and such "old China hands" as Mrs. Nelson Johnson, Mrs. Mason Gulick, and Clarence Hewes, Secretary of the Army. Wilber Brucker came, and still more were former Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Louis Johnson; former U. S. attorney for China, Feltham Watson, and Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Culbertson, Gen. Charles P. Cabell, Deputy Director, CIA; Justice and Mrs. Harold Burton, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Simmons, and the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris.